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This is in response to the letter filed June 3rd, 2008. That letter requested acknowledgement of the claim of priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f).

However, those sections only apply to foreign priority. Therefore, the boxes on the notice of allowance only correspond to foreign priority rights.

A review of the application indicates that applicant did not make a claim of foreign priority on either December 17, 2004, or March 21, 2006. In the declarations filed on those days, applicant checked off the "NO" box for claiming foreign priority to the French prior foreign application.

It appears applicant is referring to the PCT/FR02/02368 application; however, this is not a foreign priority issue. Applicant's priority rights for that application is not governed by 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Since this application, i.e. 10/518,289, is the national stage of PCT/FR02/02368, applicant gets the benefit of the filing date of the international application. The national stage is just a continuation of the prosecution than began as the international application, and is not a claim of priority under either 119 or 120.

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